



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3771

Introduced 5/4/2011, by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

215 ILCS 134/37 new

Amends the Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act. Provides that the Director of Insurance shall adopt reasonable rules as necessary and proper to ensure that persons enrolled in or covered by a health care plan have adequate access to health care services in each geographic area to be covered by a health care plan. Provides that the Director may annually determine compliance of the health care plan with prescribed standards and shall notify the health care plan of any noncompliance. Provides that failure of the health care plan to comply within one year after such notification shall constitute a violation of the Act.

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1 AN ACT concerning insurance.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Managed Care Reform and Patient Rights Act
5 is amended by adding Section 37 as follows:

6 (215 ILCS 134/37 new)

7 Sec. 37. Access standards. The Director of Insurance shall
8 adopt reasonable rules as necessary and proper to ensure that
9 enrollees have adequate access to health care services in each
10 geographic area to be covered by a health care plan, including,
11 but not limited to, the establishment of minimum
12 physician-to-patient ratios, mileage requirements for primary
13 and specialty care, a maximum travel time, and a maximum
14 waiting time for obtaining an appointment. The Director may
15 annually determine compliance of the health care plan with
16 prescribed standards and shall notify the health care plan of
17 any noncompliance. Failure of the health care plan to comply
18 within one year after such notification shall constitute a
19 violation of this Act.